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Region of The Virginias

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SELECTION PROCESS ANNOUNCED for REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE to AIA STRATEGIC COUNCIL

Every three years, the Region of The Virginias elects a Representative to the AIA Strategic Council, the AIA's "think tank." As part of the AIA's organizational repositioning implemented in 2014, AIA governance was divided into a "bi-cameral" type of structure, a much smaller, more nimble Board of Directors and a newly-formed Strategic Council.

Strategic Councilors focus entirely on big-picture, futurist-type thinking about the future of architects and architecture... and the Institute's opportunities to prepare for that future proactively.

In 2019, The Virginias will elect a Representative to Strategic Council for the three-year term beginning in 2020 and ending in 2022.

Bylaw Provisions

The Region's bylaws provide for election as follows:

"Section 2 - Election of Regional Representatives. In each year in which the Council is entitled to elect a Regional Representative, the Council shall call a Regional meeting. The meeting shall be scheduled to coincide with either the Institute's annual convention or the AIA Virginia Annual Meeting. Voting at Regional meetings shall be by delegates selected by each component, in the same numbers and under the same rules as determined by the Institute for purposes of electing Institute officers during that calendar year. The Senior Regional Representative shall preside at the Regional meeting. Neither Regional Representatives nor Board members shall have the right to vote at Regional meetings unless accredited as delegates by a component. Institute rules regarding proxy voting, proportional voting, etc., for Institute officers shall apply, ipso facto, to Regional meetings. Elections shall be by secret ballot, and shall require a majority of the votes cast, excluding abstentions, for election. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a second vote shall be taken between only the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot, and any vote for any other person shall be considered an abstention. If the second ballot results in a tie vote, the election shall be determined by a drawing of straws."

Process

The Region of The Virginias will follow a structured nomination and election process consistent with the bylaw requirements, above, and as follows, below.

Nominations

Nominations are open and can be submitted at any time prior to February 28, 2019, the closing date for nominations. Those desiring to nominate someone or to volunteer to stand for election may do so by simply submitting a letter of intent to the current Regional Representative (by email, fax, or USPS) by February 28, 2019.



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Announcement

Nominees will be announced at Grassroots to be held in Washington, DC, on March 6-8, 2019. If all nominees are present, each will be given an opportunity to briefly address the Region.

Credentials

Nominees will be given an opportunity to submit credentials and candidate statements after Grassroots. The Regional Representative will collect materials from nominees until March 29, 2019, and will distribute the materials to leadership of each component by April 1, 2019. Component leadership will be responsible for distributing this information to delegates from its component.

Delegates

Each component holds the same number of votes as for national AIA elections and voting. Each component can designate as few as one, or as many delegates as they choose, up to the total number of votes held by the component. By April 30, 2019, each component will need to designate its delegate(s) and, if more than one, the number of votes being ascribed to each.

Election

Election will be at the A'19 National AIA Conference in Las Vegas on June 6-9, 2019. Voting will follow the Regional Caucuses as it has in the past.

Voting

If all nominees are present at A'19, each will be given an opportunity to briefly address the delegates prior to voting. Speaking order will be selected by randomization tools. After the addresses, nominees will be asked to leave the room. Delegates will then be given an opportunity to discuss the nominees.

Voting will be by secret ballot. The Regional Representative, or his designee(s), will administer the election and voting process, including presiding, ballot distribution, collection, tallying and additional balloting if needed for a run-off.

Results

The Regional Representative, or his designee, will share the results at the Region of The Virginias Reception during A'19. Attendance by the nominees is encouraged, but not required.

Installation

The current Regional Representative's term ends in December 2019. The next Regional Representative will take office at the AIA Board and Strategic Council Governance Week orientation, meetings and inauguration in December 2019.

FAQs

1) How many delegates does each chapter have? *Answer: The number of delegate votes is based on each chapter's membership on the rolls as determined by AIA National. We will notify each component of the number of votes once AIA National determines the current membership demographics.*

2) Do the delegates voting for the regional representative have to be the same as for national voting and elections? *Answer: No*

3) Can a nominee vote as delegate for his or her component? *Answer: No.*

Please let us know if there are any additional questions. We will share any questions and answers with all components and nominees.